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# **THREE MEN CHARGED WITH CAR JACKING OF POSTAL LETTER CARRIER**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on May 15, 2002, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a six count indictment against ROGELIO HERNANDEZ, age 22, FRANK FLORES and GUADALUPE ITURBE, age 21 all of Phoenix, Az.

The indictment alleges that HERNANDEZ, FLORES and ITURBE took a postal vehicle, postal keys and mail at gun point from a United States Postal Service letter carrier as he delivered mail on January 22, 2002. HERNANDEZ has been arrested and is currently detained but FLORES and ITURBE remain as fugitives possibly in Mexico. Postal Inspectors request that anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of FLORES or ITURBE please contact them at (602) 223-3660.

The federal indictment charges HERNANDEZ, FLORES AND ITURBE in Count one with Car Jacking a postal vehicle in violation of Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 2119.

A conviction for Car Jacking carries a maximum penalty of 15 years, a \$250,000 fine or both.

The defendants are also charged in Counts 3 and 5 with Assault with Intent to Steal Property of the United States in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 2114.

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A conviction for Assault with Intent to Steal Property of the United States carries a maximum penalty of 25 years, a \$250,000 fine or both.

The defendants are also charged in Counts 2, 4 and 6 with Using a Firearm During a Crime of Violence in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 924(c).

A conviction for Using a Firearm During a Crime of Violence carries a maximum penalty of life, a \$250,000 fine or both and must run consecutively to any conviction for car jacking or assault with intent to steal property of the United States.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the United States Postal Inspection Service.

The prosecution is being handled by Vincent Q. Kirby, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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